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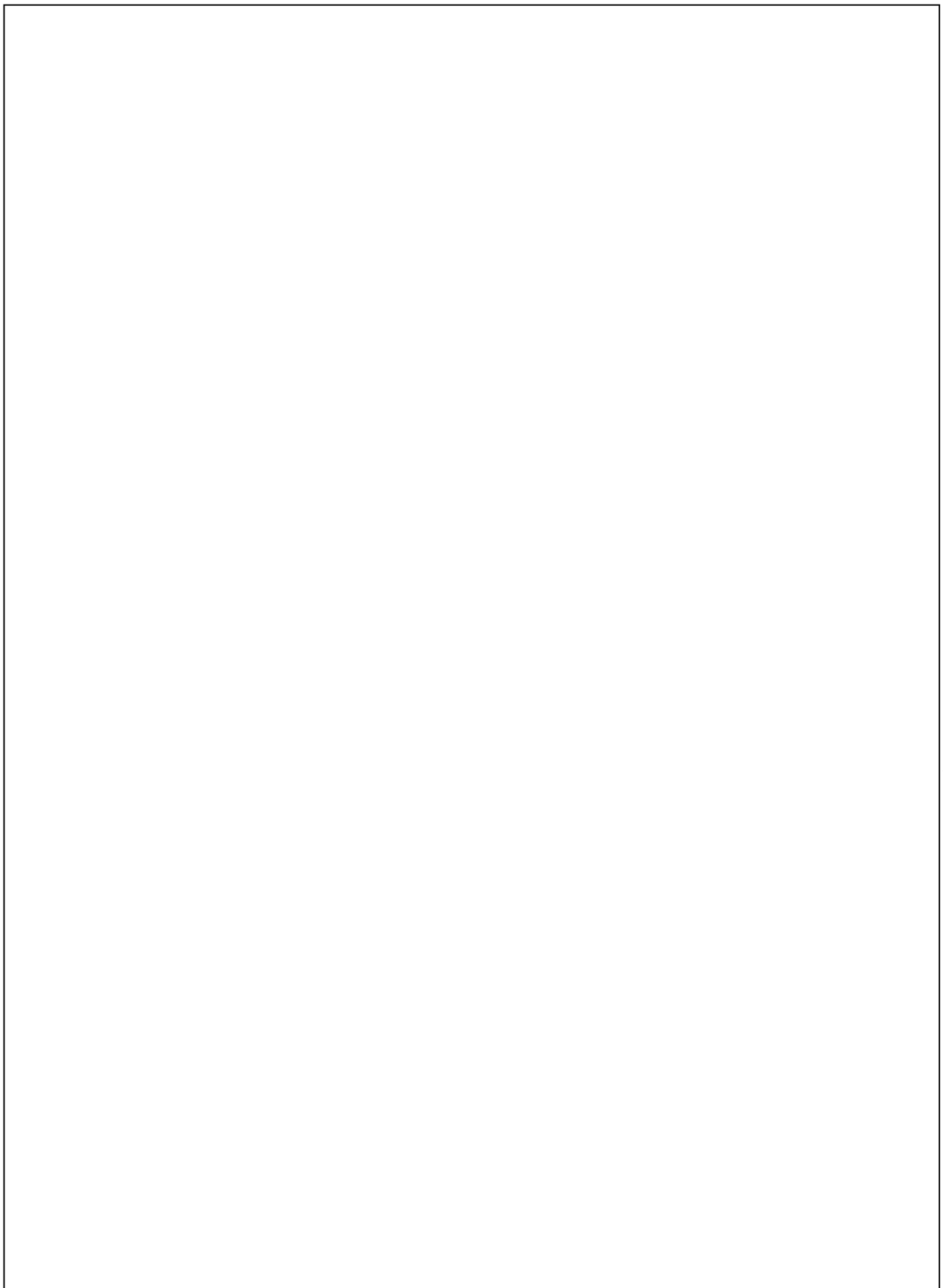
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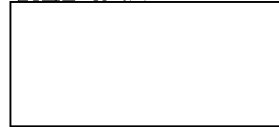
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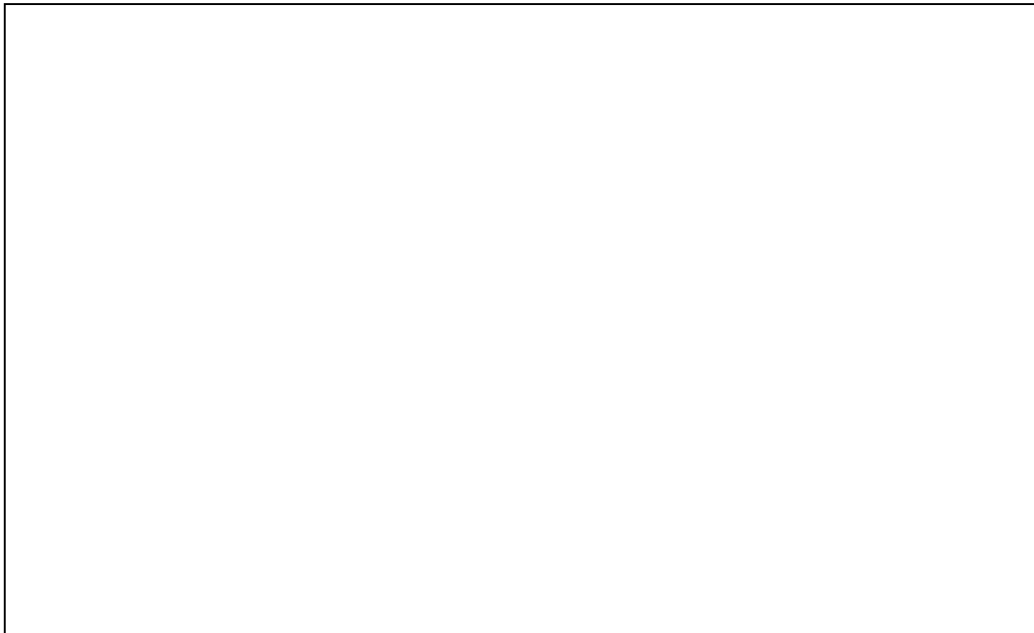


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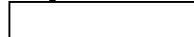
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## IRAN-IRAQ

*Mounting casualties and economic dislocations are producing an atmosphere of malaise in Iraq.* [ ]

To minimize the impact of the war on civilians, Baghdad's strategy has been to ensure a large supply of consumer goods, reopen schools, resume work by foreign contractors, and reactivate building projects. Recently, however, this strategy has been disrupted. [ ]

The government was forced on Saturday to institute a gas-rationing system for private automobiles. Baghdad also suffers daily 12-to-14-hour cuts in electricity because Iranian air attacks have damaged power plants; several plants either are not functioning or are producing at well below normal levels. Shortages of natural gas also apparently have developed in several major cities. [ ]

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declining morale is afflicting the military as well. Iraqi troops occupy an essentially static front, facing cold and wet winter weather. [ ]

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Although the regime probably does not now face a serious domestic threat, problems are likely to increase pressures on Baghdad to find a way to end the war.

[ ] On Saturday, Deputy Prime Minister Tariq Aziz criticized Iran for rejecting all mediation offers. [ ]

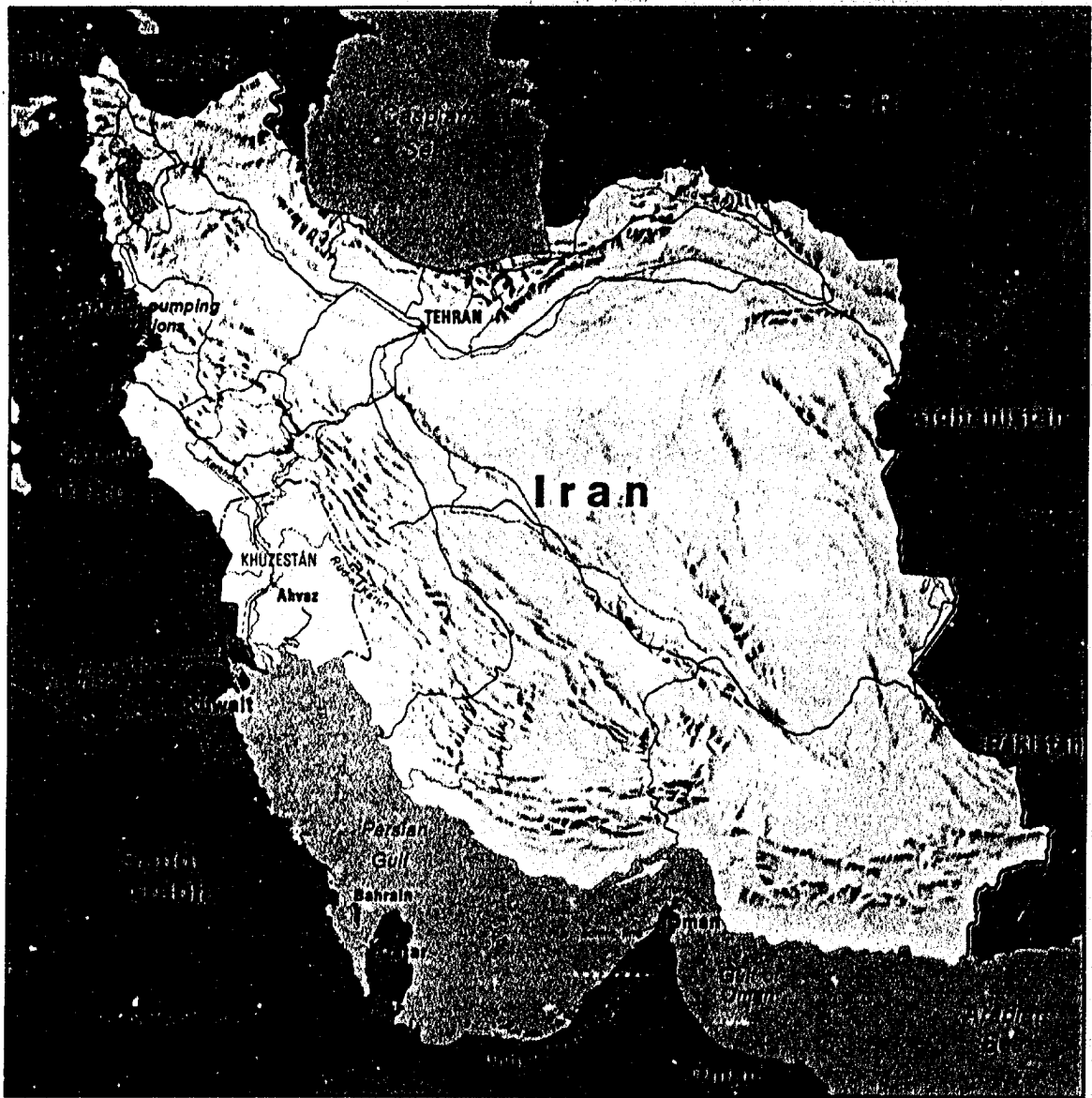
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Bad weather has hampered Iranian and Iraqi air operations. [ ]

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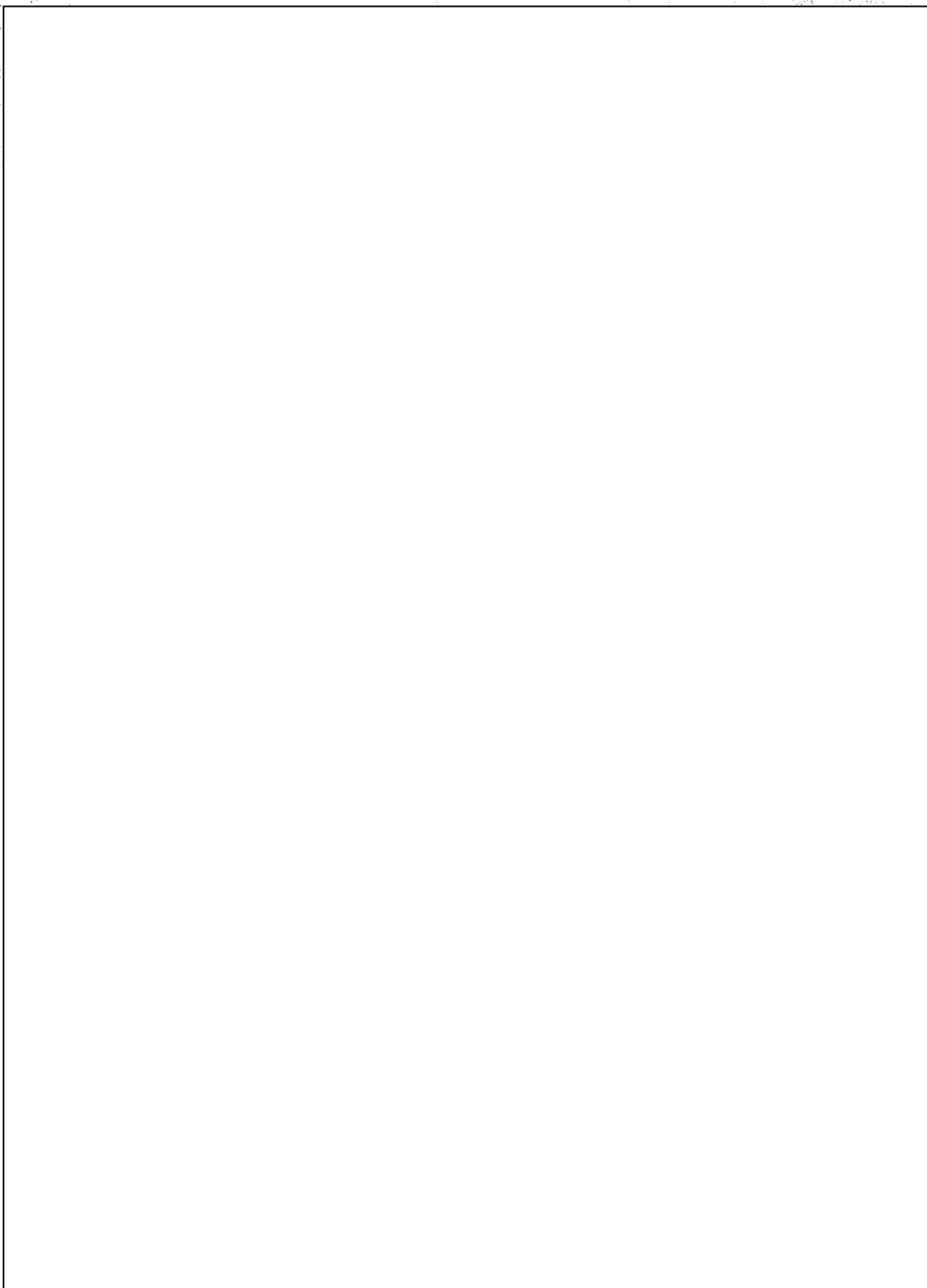
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